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## HANCOCK HAS A DEATH MYSTERY

Body of Matt Kukila Discovered in Ravine Today with His Neck Broken.

### HAD BEEN MISSING A WEEK

Disappeared Last Saturday After Receiving Pay at Quincy Mine and Remains were Found This Morning by Searching Party—Post Mortem is Held—Inquest Monday.

Lying face downward in a swamp, with the head buried up to the ears in mud and slush, the body of Matt Kukila, of the Quincy location, was found about 9 o'clock this morning in a ravine thirty feet deep on the Quincy hillside about three-quarters of a mile from the main portion of the city.

Kukila had been missing since last Saturday evening, after receiving his pay from the Quincy Mining company by whom he was employed. He gave all but \$2 of his money to his wife and came down town Saturday evening. Not returning his wife reported his absence to the police on Monday, asking them to help locate him. It was rumored that he had been seen at the depot purchasing a ticket for Montana, but the finding of the dead body today has cleared up the mystery of his disappearance. He had only ten cents on his person when found.

A party of seven men, consisting of Christopher and John Kotila, August Antilla, Matt Lelonen and three others, have been conducting a search for Kukila and while roaming about the ravines and gulches south of the Quincy location railroad came across the body as described above. One of the party was sent down town to notify the police and Justice Oliver was summoned in his capacity as coroner. Led by Chief of Police Tibor a large party of men climbed the muddy hillside and came at last to the exact spot where the corpse lay. It was at the bottom of one of the deepest ravines, the sides of which rose precipitously on either side. The face was completely buried in the mud, which came up over the ears, and the clothing was wet with the exposure. A superficial examination was made, but it was decided that a postmortem examination was necessary to determine the cause of the man's death and County Physician W. H. Jackson was notified.

Inquest on Monday. A coroner's jury consisting of Nicholas Evert, Leonard Meola, Frank Francis, Richard Rourke, Jr., William Lepisto and Peter Maier was impaneled by Justice Oliver to hold an inquest, which was adjourned to Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Justice Oliver's office. Undertaker Andrew Petaja took charge of the remains and brought them to his morgue on Tezcuco street.

Kukila was a heavily built man apparently about 35 years of age, and has a wife and family living at the Quincy. Just how he came to be at the place where found is difficult to say, but it is said there is a footpath running up the ravine, which is sometimes used as a shortcut by people living on the extreme outskirts of the Quincy location. Whether the man slipped and fell into the ravine or whether he met with foul play has not been determined.

His Neck Broken. When the body was stripped at the undertaking rooms no marks of violence were found, but the examination conducted by County Physician Jackson revealed the fact that Kukila's neck was broken.

Sheriff Ryers has been notified and an investigation is now under way. It was learned this morning that a neighbor of Kukila's had been with him in several Hancock saloons early last Saturday evening, but the neighbor in question does not know where Kukila went after he left him.

### DR. COOK A FAKIR?

Alaskans Believe His Claims to Having Climbed Mountain is Fabrication. Marquette, Mich., Nov. 27.—Alaskans are generally of the opinion that Dr. Cook is a gigantic fakir, says Val Diebold, who has recently returned from that country, where he owns a mining claim, almost in sight of Mt. McKinley. Mr. Diebold states that he has traveled around the base of Mt. McKinley and that it is practically such a short period of time as the such a short period of time at the Brooklyn scientist claims to have climbed it. The sides of the mountain are nearly perpendicular and are covered with overhanging ice, which would make the ascent a work of weeks or even months. In view of the improbability of Dr. Cook's Mt. McKinley story the people of Alaska are of the belief that his alleged discovery of the North pole is also a fabrication.

Mr. Diebold unexpectedly returned to Marquette a few days ago to visit his sisters, whom he had not seen for twenty-one years. For the last eleven years of that time he had been in Alaska and prior to that was located in Montana and British Columbia. Within a few days he will go to West Branch, Mich., where his parents reside. Next spring he expects to return to Alaska, where he has interests in several profitable mining claims.

## CONFERENCE ON UNIFORMITY OF DIVORCE LAWS CALLED

Will be Held in Washington on January 17, 18 and 19, According to Notice of Seth Low, President of the National Civic Federation—Uniformity Sought by States.

New York, Nov. 27.—Uniformity in the divorce laws of the various states is being sought by President Taft and most of the state governors, according to Seth Low, who, as president of the National Civic Federation, has just announced the date of the conference on uniform legislation.

This conference will be held in Washington on January 17, 18 and 19. Representative men of every state in the union, appointed by the governors, will attend. Low's announcement says: "Through the initiative of the Bar association the special national organization of commissioners, chosen by the different governors, is now working for a uniform divorce law, the supreme necessity for which grows out of the condition that a child under various divorce laws may be legitimate in one state but illegitimate in another. The work of this special commission will be reported on at the conference and will then come before the committee of governors."

### PHILADELPHIA LAUNCHED.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 27.—The big steamboat City of Philadelphia was successfully launched at the yards of her builders here today. The christening ceremony was performed by Miss Eleanor Reburn, daughter of the mayor of Philadelphia.

### C. M. B. A. LOSES CASE.

New York Decision Agrees With One Issued in Michigan.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 27.—Father Kelley, of St. Thomas' church, has received a telegram from New York stating that the court of appeals of New York state had rendered a decision in favor of Dodwell in the celebrated case of Dodwell against the C. M. B. A.

This substantiates the decree rendered by Judge Kinne of this court in the case of McWilliams against the C. M. B. A. of some four years ago which excited the interest of several states, New York and Pennsylvania particularly.

Four years ago the C. M. B. A. decided to raise the rates of all its members. The old men protested and took the matter into the courts. Michael McWilliams, from Ann Arbor, and a Mr. Dodwell, of Buffalo, N. Y., starting test cases.

Judge Kinne held in the case of McWilliams that the agreement in the constitution of the C. M. B. A. that rates of assessment should always remain the same was a part of the contract with the members, and that this rate of insurance could not be raised without the consent of the insured. The C. M. B. A. took the case to the supreme court of Michigan, where it is still pending. In the meantime a similar case was started in New York, the home of the corporation, by Dodwell, who has won after two appeals.

### EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

Banquet Opens Affair at the Calumet Church Last Evening.

Last evening the banquet, given at the Calumet M. E. church under the auspices of the Methodist Social union marking the opening of the Educational rally, was a success in every particular. The number in attendance was all that could be accommodated. The room and tables were tastefully decorated, and presented a beautiful appearance. The banquet, served in courses, was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the program, previously published in The News was carried out as announced. The speaking was a feast of good things, and the singing highly appreciated, receiving hearty applause and encores. When the meeting came to a close, expressions of satisfaction and delight were heard on every hand. Sessions are being held at the church all day today, according to the published program.

### THREE PERSONS SHOT.

Jim Daniels Receives Wound, Probably Fatal, in Feud Fight.

Williamson, W. Va., Nov. 27.—That a third person was shot in the battle between the Christian and Daniels families near Devon, Mingo county, Thursday, became known when a physician was summoned to attend Jim Daniels at the home of his brother. His wound may result fatally and in the event of his death, three members of the Daniels family will have been wiped out as the result of this latest feud battle. Mrs. Charles Daniels and her sixteen-year-old daughter are the other two shot to death.

### BIG FIRE IN DAVENPORT.

Davenport, Ia., Nov. 27.—The residence portion of Davenport was for three hours imperiled by fire, which destroyed ten residences, early today. The fire originated in the warehouse of the U. N. Roberts company, which was destroyed. The loss is \$100,000.

Ed. Palmer, one of Laurium's private wireless telegraph operators, states that The News was misinformed concerning the recent reported organization of wireless telegraph operators in the copper country. He says no organization has yet been effected.

## PAYNE EXPECTS BUSY SESSION

Chairman of Ways and Means Committee of House Talks of Coming Congress.

### NO PROBE INTO SUGAR TRUST

Declares Loeb and Federal Prosecutors Have That Matter Very Well in Hand Administration Does Not Look for Monetary Report or Any Action on Postal Savings Bank.

Auburn, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Representative Serebo E. Payne, chairman of the House committee on ways and means, thinks the approaching session of congress will be one of the busiest that body has ever seen. Before leaving for Washington Payne said:

"There will be amendments to the interstate commerce law, the postal savings bank question will come up, ship subsidy will be prominent, and the Sherman anti-trust law will need consideration. I don't think congress will interfere in the Nicaragua question, which the state department seems to have well in hand. I don't think congress will investigate the sugar trust either. Loeb and the federal prosecutors seem to be doing very well with that matter in New York."

### Administration's Program.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Recent conferences at the white house have pretty definitely developed two facts in connection with the legislative program of the administration at the coming session of congress. The first of these is that there is no probability of the monetary commission's report being presented or considered at this session; and second, that legislation looking toward the establishment of a postal savings bank will have to wait until the monetary commission's report is made and the new currency law enforced.

### CHANGE WRESTLING DATE.

The date of the Stoll-Roswell Cornish wrestling match will be changed from December 18 because of an engagement for the Calumet theater on that date. It is likely that the match will be pulled off at the theater on Dec. 15.

### LAKE LINDEN WOMAN DEAD.

Mrs. Calvina Emond of Lake Linden, aged 76 years, died last night about 5 o'clock from a complication of diseases. She was born in Canada and had resided in Lake Linden about 18 years. Her husband died about three years ago. She leaves a widowed daughter in Lake Linden and a son, Joseph at Bootjack. The funeral will be held Monday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Joseph's church. Interment in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

## Big News Events of the Coming Week.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—Further developments in the alleged customs frauds in New York are expected to come to light with the trial of James F. Hendon, former general manager and superintendent of the Williamsburg plant of the American Sugar Refining company, and six minor employees of the company, all of whom are charged with conspiracy and effecting and aiding in effecting entries of sugar at the port of New York by false weights.

Albert T. Patrick, the convicted murderer of William Marsh Rice, whose long and persistent fight for freedom has attracted the world's attention, will appear in the appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn Monday on a writ of habeas corpus obtained through his counsel. Patrick argued his own case in the same court a few months ago and his decision was rendered against him.

Another court proceeding that will attract national attention will be the trial of Henry Clay Pierce, the millionaire oil magnate, which is slated to begin Monday in Austin, Texas. The charge against Mr. Pierce is false swearing and grows out of the long and successful fight waged by the state of Kentucky against the Standard Oil company.

In the United States circuit court at Buffalo a hearing will be held in the action brought by the Wright brothers against Glenn H. Curtis and the Herring-Curtis company of Hammondsport, N. Y., to restrain the defendants from making, using or selling the so-called Curtis aeroplane, which the Wright brothers claim infringes on their patents.

A special term of the criminal court has been called to meet in Harrisburg Monday for the trial of Joseph M. Huston, architect of the Pennsylvania state capitol. Huston was indicted with John H. Sanderson, the contractor, since deceased; ex-Auditor General W. P. Snyder, ex-State Treasurer W. L. Mathews, deceased, and ex-Superintendent J. M. Shumaker on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the state in the construction and furnishing of the new capitol building in Harrisburg.

A special election will be held in Alabama Monday to vote on the adoption or rejection of a prohibition amendment to the state constitution. The fight between the prohibitionists and the anti-prohibitionists has been an extremely bitter one and the result of the election is awaited with general interest because of the effect it may have on the progress of the temperance movement in other states.

Noted leaders in the industrial, financial and labor world will assemble in Milwaukee for the third annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education.

## PREPARING FOR THEIR APPEAL

Petition For Writ of Certiorari Filed on Behalf of Labor Leaders.

### SUPREME COURT APPLICATION

Court of Appeals of District of Columbia to be Required to Certify to Highest Tribunal Appeal in the Stove Case—Questions Held to be of Great Importance.

Washington, Nov. 27.—On behalf of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, a petition was filed in the supreme court of the U. S. today for a writ of Certiorari requiring the court of appeals of the District of Columbia to certify to the highest tribunal, for its review and determination, the appeal taken by them in Hicks Stove & Range case. The petition states:

"The questions involved in this case are of great public importance, affecting the views and conduct of many millions of people, including two millions, who are, by representation, made defendants in this principal action."

The constitutionality of these people, "of saying by word of mouth of printed publication to each other, or to others, that they do not propose to deal with the plaintiff or purchase its products," is advanced.

### NICARAGUAN AFFAIR DELAYED.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The navy is marking time waiting for the state department to ask it to act in the Nicaraguan affair. That accounts for the delay over the date of the sailing of the Prairie from Philadelphia with 400 marines for the Isthmus of Panama and possibly for service in Nicaragua.

### COOK SAILS FOR EUROPE.

New York, Nov. 27.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook sailed for Europe today on the steamer Carnania. It is alleged evidence of an attempt to steal the original records has been found and according to Cook's attorney this has caused Cook to employ safeguards in transmitting them.

### MURDERER TO BE EXECUTED.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 27.—Howard Little, charged with the murder of Mrs. Betty Justis, George Meadows, and wife and three other members of his family, was convicted of murder in the first degree today and sentenced to be electrocuted in Richmond on Jan. 7.

Prominent manufacturers, financiers and labor chiefs are interested in the movement and all sections of the country will be represented at the gathering.

## Sea Searched For Astor's Yacht, Found at San Juan



The Above Diagram Shows the Extent of the Search for the Neumahal, the Yacht of John Jacob Astor, and the Photograph at the Top is the Millionaire Owner.

New York, Nov. 27.—News from Willemstad, Curacao, today that Col. John Jacob Astor's yacht Neumahal was safe at San Juan, Porto Rico, on Nov. 15, coming on the heels of last night's alarming report that a derelict sighted north of Cuba might be the Astor

yacht, was a welcome rainbow after the storm of anxiety which his friends and relatives had experienced here since the West Indian region was cut off from communication by the hurricane two weeks ago.

William A. Dobbin, private secretary to Col. Astor, was greatly relieved at the receipt of the Willemstad dispatch, but is nevertheless anxious for details. The news was passed along immediately to Douglas Robinson and Nicholas Biddle, trustees of the Astor estate,

and Mr. Biddle promptly filed messages with the wireless and cable companies to Mrs. Astor, who sailed for Europe on Wednesday last on the Lusitania, soon after obtaining a decree of divorce.

At the time of her departure the anxiety over Colonel Astor and their son, Vincent, had just begun to develop seriously, and Mrs. Astor was considerably upset, especially concerning her son.

## HOT CAMPAIGN ON LIQUOR ISSUE IN STATE OF ALABAMA

Fight Between "Drys" and "Wets" Closed Today in Whirlwind Week and on Monday the Voters Will Decide Issue—Prohibition Amendment to Constitution Proposed.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 27.—The fight between those who favor the amendment of the State Constitution in the interest of prohibition and those in opposition closed today in a whirlwind finish and Monday the people will vote for the rejection or adoption of the amendment. The campaign has been one of the hottest Alabama every experienced and has attracted the attention of the entire country for the reason that the result is expected to prove more far-reaching in its effect upon the national temperance movement than any election held in recent years.

The prediction is being freely made that if the constitutional amendment is defeated at Monday's election the doors of Alabama will be opened to the saloons within three years. The defeat of the amendment would be accepted by the anti-prohibitionists as a repudiation of the temperance laws under which Alabama has become one of the "dryest" states of the Union, and little doubt is felt that the downfall of the measure would be followed by an energetic campaign for control of the next legislature, to be elected in 1911. The fight will be carried before this body, and the argument will be used that the people are tired of drastic prohibition laws and that this feeling of dissatisfaction was manifested in the election where in the prohibition amendment went down in defeat.

If the amendment is adopted it will seal the fate of the saloon in Alabama for years to come—probably for all time. It is, therefore, a fight to the death so far as the saloon interests are concerned. Without the amendment in the constitution they could sit by and quietly wait for a favorable opportunity to launch a fight for the abolishment of the rigid prohibition laws. With the amendment in the constitution the task would be practically hopeless. Not only would they have to get a majority of two-thirds in the legislature to have a vote upon the removal of the amendment, but they would have to go before the people and obtain its repudiation in a popular election.

The result of the contest cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty. Today the anti-prohibitionists are loudly proclaiming that they see victory in sight. The fact that a number of leading citizens throughout the State who were formerly numbered with the prohibitionists have taken an active part in the campaign to defeat the constitutional amendment leads those who have borne the brunt of the fight against so-called radicalism to believe that the turn of the tide has come. They see, or profess to see, in the strong opposition to constitution prohibition a breaking away from the movement which has swept Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and other states into the prohibition column and which has made many parts of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and other western and southern states close the doors against the saloon.

While admitting that there have been many desertions from the ranks, the prohibitionists express confidence in their ability to carry the amendment and assert that they have made more than enough converts from the opposition forces to offset the votes of those who have gone to the other side. They hold that the fight is one of "saloon or no saloon," and tacitly stand or falls with the amendment.

In the effort to abolish the liquor traffic Alabama has gone to legislative extremes seldom or never before witnessed in the war on the saloon, and it is upon this fact that the anti-prohibitionists base their hope of a reaction. If this reaction develops, its effect will undoubtedly be felt in other states where the temperance movement has been making progress, and its influence, it is believed, will be to check the movement. If, on the other hand, Alabama endorses its prohibition laws by writing prohibition in the constitution, then it will give new courage to the temperance forces throughout the country and other States will no doubt bring forward laws as far-reaching as those now on the statute books of Alabama. The election, in other words, is going to prove a big boost to one of the sides in the temperance controversy, and the fight was made with a thorough understanding on both sides as to its bearing upon the future of the temperance movement in the country at large.

### JANSEN FUNERAL TOMORROW.

It has since developed that J. H. Jansen, the man found killed this week on the tracks of the Mineral Range road, was a brother of Maurelius Jansen of Centennial Heights. The decedent was formerly of Buffalo, and had sailed the lakes for a number of years. During his stay here he has been in the employ of the Mineral Range road as a car repairer. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, from the residence of the brother at Centennial Heights.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Occasional showers or snow surges tonight. Sunday cloudy; colder. Brisk northwest winds tonight, diminishing Sunday and becoming variable.

## BIG LIVESTOCK SHOW IS OPEN

Annual International Exposition in Chicago Has Many Excellent Exhibits.

### PRIZE LIST TOTALS \$75,000

Nearly Nine Thousand Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Swine, Representing the Choicest Specimens, Fill Pens in More Than Twenty Buildings—Europe is Represented.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—All records as to number and quality of exhibits have been broken at the tenth annual International Live Stock Exposition, which opened at the Union Stock Yards today with an exceptionally large attendance. Nearly nine thousand horses, cattle, swine and sheep, representing the choicest specimens of prize winners of practically every known breed, brought here from all parts of the United States and from several European countries, fill the pens in the more than twenty buildings devoted to the monster exhibition to their full capacity. So enormous was the number of animals offered that the management was compelled to limit its selection to the best of the stock offered for entry.

The judging will begin at the large amphitheatre on Monday and prize-list aggregating \$75,000 is the largest ever offered at any international exhibition of this kind. One of the features of the show, which will continue until December 10, will be the judging contest open to students from various agricultural colleges in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, Kentucky, Wyoming and Canada. The various institutions will be represented by teams and prizes of considerable value will be awarded to those teams making the best showing. The prizes consist of handsome bronze trophies and a number of scholarships established by J. Ogden Armour. The total value of the scholarships is estimated at more than \$5,000. Twelve of the best stock experts of the country will act as a jury to decide upon the merits of the students' judging.

The "horse fair," which is one of the features of this exhibition, will be continued as the nightly attraction until December 5, after which date the International Horse Show will occupy the tan bark until the close, on December 10. Several shipments of draft horses are now on the way from Europe and scores of the most prominent horse owners and breeders in this country and in Canada will be represented at the show. Judging from the attendance at the opening today all records as to attendance will be broken at this exhibition. It is expected that fully 600,000 visitors from all parts of the country will visit the show.

During the two weeks of the show scores of breeders' associations will hold their annual conventions here. During a portion of the time the United States land and irrigation congress will be in session at the Coliseum, thus offering an additional attraction to visitors.

### CENTENARY OF ACTRESS.

Fanny Memble is Generally Honored in London Today.

London, Nov. 27.—Many of the leading newspapers of this city published editorials today in reference to the centenary of Fanny Memble, the famous actress, who was born in London, November 27, 1809. In honor of the day many literary and dramatic societies of this city gave entertainments with lectures and readings reminiscent of the famous actress as the principal features of the exercises. Frances Anne Memble, better known in England and in the United States as Fanny Memble, made her first public appearance at the Covent Garden Theatre in 1829 in the character of Juliet. As Julia she made her chief success in "The Hunchback," written for her by Knowles Sheridan. She delighted American audiences as Blanche in "Fausto." Mrs. Memble gave public readings from Shakespeare and other dramatists in cities on both sides of the Atlantic. She wrote against slavery in the London Times and published an historical drama, a volume of poems, travel descriptions and notes on Shakespeare's plays.

### SEAMEN'S UNION PLANS.

International Organization Will Be Formed in New York.

New York, Nov. 27.—As a result of English and American organizers who have been at work in this country for some time organizing seamen for an international union an international convention of the seamen's unions is to assemble in this city tomorrow for a session of a week or ten days. The convention has been arranged principally through the efforts of J. Havelock Wilson, a labor member of the British Parliament, who has been in the United States for some time. The object of the international union is to bring about a uniformity of wages on steamships in America and Europe.